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| Serial No.: 09/593,591 Filed: June 13, 2000 For: MANUFACTURED MAJOR LONG BONE RING IMPLANT SHAPED TO CONFORM TO A PREPARED INTERVERTEBRAL IMPLANTATION SPACE | ) ) ) ) ) ) ) | Group Art Unit: 3774 Examiner: Paul B. Prebilic | JAN 0 9 2009       |
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## <u>AMENDMENT</u>

Prior to the further examination and in reply to the Final Office Action of October 9, 2008, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 38 of this paper.